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John Michael Huber and His Descendants

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House erected by Jacob Huber, Senior, in 1815

Barn built by Jacob Huber, Senior, in 1811

Buildings on the farm originally owned by
John Michael Huber, Senior

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and His
Descendants

An Historical Survey of the
First Three Generations
In Douglass Township,
Montgomery County,
Pennsylvania

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FOREWORD

This little book contains the fruits of hours of search and study expended in an effort to learn more about the lives of our forbears. Our ancestors were plain people, the genuine hardy pioneer type whom we would do well to emulate. They knew nothing of and certainly would have cared little for the inessential frills and foibles of life. It is for us to admire them, not in the static pose of ancestor worshippers, but in the active furtherance of the spirit they have imparted to us.

A sincere effort has been made to do justice to all the branches of the family. Material was solicited and offered, and used to the degree which space permitted. John Michael Huber, Senior, was our common ancestor. In him all of us are interested. His three sons, Michael, Jacob, and George formed the three branches of the family which we have treated. Only the first three generations of each line have been presented here, first, because of the limitations of space, and secondly, because any living member of the family can through these easily trace his descent. The author would encourage every interested reader to write in the back of this book his own family tree for the advantage of those coming after him.

The author's share in this work has been confined to compilation and several minor points of research. Full credit is due his father, F. F. Huber, for keeping alive interest in the family and for collecting and arranging much of the material here presented. The help of Jonathan D. Huber, Jacob Y. Huber, and Jesse R. Huber is also gratefully acknowledged, as well as the valuable advice and assistance of Rev. Dr. Elmer E. S. Johnson and Prof. Howard W. Kriebel, of the Schwenkfelder Historical Library.

Pennsburg, Pennsylvania D. A. H.
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INTRODUCTION

THE HOME OF THE HUBERS

The Huber family, like most of the German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania, came from south-western Germany. William Penn had made two visits to Germany, the first in 1671 and the second in 1677, and as a result numerous colonists made their way to Pennsylvania after the founding of Philadelphia. In 1683 Franz Daniel Pastorius with a small group of companions began the settlement of Germantown. From this time on south-eastern Pennsylvania became a veritable haven for the Germans, whether they were the persecuted Schwenkfelders, Mennonites, and Moravians or merely adventurous colonists.

Our ancestor, John Michael Huber, Senior, settled in the Goshenhoppen region and founded the line which still has its seat here. This region extends along the Perkiomen creek in the upper part of Montgomery county and centers about the New Goshenhoppen church which was founded in 1727. It has no real connection now with Old Goshenhoppen in Upper Salford township which, in spite of its name, was settled after New Goshenhoppen.

Our branch of the Huber family, that is to say, the descendants of John Michael Huber, regards Douglass township as its ancestral home. And well it may, for at one time the several members of the family owned practically all the land in the valley between the villages of Niantic and Sassamansville.

Time has scattered the now numerous descendants of John Michael Huber, but once a year they still gather to honor the memory of their ancestor in New Goshenhoppen park, once a part of his first plantation. The year 1931 is particularly significant in that it marks the first publication of the history of our family and also the erection of a stone memorial to supplement the now time-worn tombstone of John Michael Huber, Senior.

THE FAMILY NAME

The name Huber is apparently of Swiss origin and is said to be derived from the word "hube" meaning a landowner. Thus it has the same significance as the German name Hofmann, that is to say, "the man of the court or farmyard." The name has in many instances been anglicized to Hoover. Andrew Huber was the German ancestor of Herbert Hoover, President of the United States, and came from the same section as John Michael Huber.

The
HUBER
Coat of Arms

The crest of the Huber family consists of a ducal coronet out of which spring two buffalo horns. The horns are characteristic of the early America to which our ancestor came. In the language of heraldry, the horns signify honor and distinction.

The arms show in the first and fourth quarters a male sheep springing over three hills and, in the other quarters, a rose in full bloom with four leaves.

JOHN MICHAEL HUBER, SENIOR
(1715—1777)

John Michael Huber, Senior, who was responsible for the transfer of our family line from Germany to this country, was born in Burgsalach, Bavaria, sometime in June, 1715. He was the son of Stephen Huber and his wife Barbara. The father was a craftsman. Just what his trade was we do not know, but his son's baptismal certificate describes him as "Schmid", that is to say, "smith". We may assume that the family was in ordinary circumstances since the father is classed as a regular citizen of the kingdom of Bavaria.

The boy Michael was baptized on July 29, 1715 in the village of his birth. Burgsalach is a small town about five miles south-east of Nürnberg and ninety miles south of Beyreuth, the home of Richard Wagner, the great composer.

Everything that is known of John Michael's youth is to be found in the copy of his baptismal certificate which he brought with him to this country. We are not even certain when he came to America, but it was sometime between April 10, 1742, when he received the copy of the certificate, and November 14, 1755, when his eldest son was born. It is best to assume that he left the fatherland sometime in the year 1742 or shortly thereafter.

THE FIRST MOTHER

He came to the Goshenhoppen region and married Barbara Lahr previous to 1755. His wife was the daughter of Andreas Lahr, evidently an outstanding citizen in the community. She was also the sister-in-law of David Schultz, the noted surveyor. Her maiden name was a source of mystery for years and was not learned until quite recently. In all documents in which she is mentioned, her name is given as Barbara Huber or simply as Barbara. It was not until the baptismal certificate of her son George came to light that her family name was definitely learned.

In 1759 John Michael purchased a farm of 108 acres from Bernhard Fegley and his wife Catherine for the sum of 440 pounds. This property adjoined that of the New Goshenhoppen church and is now owned by Isaac B. Heimbach.

Sometime later the family moved to Douglass township. One of the earliest conveyances on record is dated March 7, 1775 and reads:

> "Philip Leidecker and wife to Michael Hoover for 118 A., 29 P. of land in the township of Douglass and county of Philadelphia, the consideration being 575 pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania."

The children of the family numbered six, three sons and three daughters. They were John Michael, Junior; Jacob; George; Susanna, married to Henry Pannebacker; Mary, married to Henry Poltzgraf; and Christina, the wife of John Fisher.

John Michael, Senior, died in 1777 and, according to the church records, was buried on March 3 of that year. His grave

is but a few feet from the entrance to the old graveyard at the New Goshenhoppen church. The crude inscription on the red sandstone which marks the spot has been practically effaced in the course of time. It reads:

"Michael Huber ist geboren im Jahr Chrisit 1715.
Sein Alter war 61 Jahr, 7 Mon. Gestorben 1777."

Near the foot of the stone is the beautiful quotation:
"Soelig sin die Toden die im Herren sterben.
Von nun an werden sie ruhen."

The translation is:
"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.
Henceforth shall they rest."

The mother, Barbara, died in 1793. Where she is buried we do not know. However, there is a grave of an adult person on her husband's left, marked by rough uninscribed stones. This we may assume to be her resting place.

THE WILL OF MICHAEL HUBER

The will of John Michael Huber Senior, was drawn up but a day or two before his death. It is dated February 28, 1777, and was probated on November 5 of the same year. His wife was to receive a third part of his personal effects besides 200 pounds in Pennsylvania currency. It was also stipulated that she and their children should manage both his farms for two years in order to pay all or most of his debts. After that time the eldest son Michael was to have the privilege of purchasing the second farm, lately acquired from Leidecker, for the sum of 600 pounds. This was to be paid in amounts defined in the will. As eldest son he was to enjoy only one advantage over his brothers and sisters. He was to receive a mare as an additional bequest.

Forty acres were to be detached from the 200 acre plantation occupied by Michael Huber at the time of his death. This plot and another of fifty-nine acres, purchased in 1774, constituted the bequest to George Huber, the youngest son. The father also directed that the family should erect a house and barn on this tract.

The second son, Jacob, received the largest farm as his share. This was the remainder of the original homestead and consisted of 160 acres, valued at 800 pounds. Jacob was instructed to permit his mother to reside with him permanently and was obliged to pay her an annual reservation of not less than eight pounds.

The remainder of the estate was divided in equal shares among the six children. The executors, Barbara and Michael Huber, were also instructed to give to the two youngest daughters the same dowry which their sister, Susanna Pannebacker, had received.

THE BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE OF JOHN MICHAEL HUBER

The following is a transcription of the copy of the baptismal certificate brought to this country by John Michael Huber, Senior. The original, the property of F. F. Huber, is now lost.

L. S.

Johann Michael Huber ist allhier ehelich und ehrbahr erzeuget und geboren und im jahr Christi 1715 den 29 jul christlicher Ordnung nach getauft worden.

Der Vater ist gewesen Weyland Stephen Huber, hochherrel, Schmid, Bayrischer Untertan und Mitgemeiner allhier, die Mutter Barbara. Thaufzeuge Thomas Rottler hochherrel, Schmid, Bayrischer Untertan und Mitgemeiner hierselbst. Für solchen es wird hermit aus dem Taufbuch, under eigenhändiger Nahmens Unterschrift und vorgedruckten-Pottschaft auch an wünschung göttlicher Gnaden ausgezeichnet.

Burgsalach den 10 April 1742.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN MICHAEL HUBER, SR.

This is a translation of the original which is the property of F. F. Huber and is in the archives of the Schwenkfelder Historical Library, Perkiomen School, Pennsburg.

In the name of God. Amen.

Inasmuch as I, Michael Huber, of Douglass township, in the county of Philadelphia and province of Pennsylvania, find myself very sick and weak in body, but am of sound mind, judgment, and memory—thanks to God—I make, publish, and declare my last will and testament this 28th day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven.

Before all else I commend my soul into the hands of God Almighty who gave it. Concerning my temporal estate I hereby give and bequeath the same in the following manner:

First:—It is my will that all my just debts shall be paid in full by my hereunder named executors (or guardians) in the best way possible.

Further:— It is my will and I hereby give and bequeath to my beloved wife Barbara my bed, bedstead, and curtain with all that belongs thereto; as also her chest with all contained therein belonging to her; as also the side saddle and a cow with privilege to select whichever she will; also the equal third part of all my personal household and kitchen furniture and utensils wherein she is also to have the choice of whatever is most serviceable for her use.

And further I give her the sum of two hundred pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania, the benefit and interest thereof for her use and benefit during her lifetime.

And further it is my will that my said wife Barbara and my oldest son Michael Huber shall keep my two plantations under their care and direction and manage the same with my other children for the next two years if found convenient, thereby to put them in position to pay the remaining or most of my debts. But then my oldest son Michael Huber shall have the liberty to accept my second plantation and occupy the same, also situated in said Douglass township which I bought lately of Philip Leidecker, containing 119 acres which said land and plantation with all belonging thereto, I give, bequeath, and devise unto my said oldest son Michael Huber, his heirs and assigns for the sum of 600 pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania, payable under the following terms:

The first hundred pounds he may retain in hand as part of his heritage of my estate and then one year after he has taken possession of said plantation he shall pay twenty-five pounds of said money and thereafter each year twenty-five pounds to my other children and heirs—that is to say, the first four terms after each other. But thereafter he shall pay the sum of thirty pounds. But whatever his share of the inheritance of my estate he may deduct from his last installments, to hold my said second messuage plantation and tract of land and all belonging thereto, to and for my said oldest son Michael Huber, Junior, under the aforesaid conditions and to his heirs and assigns and to his and their proper use and benefit forever.

And I give and bequeath in addition also to my said son Michael Huber a mare, extra since he is my oldest son. Beyond this he shall enjoy an equal share of estate with my other children.

Further, it is my will that after my death all my personal property shall be appraised excepting such items of provisions, cloth, yarn, and like articles that may be needed for immediate use for my family. Such articles are not to be appraised, but left to them for their joint use. But none of my horses or cattle or other personal property thus appraised shall be sold. But it is my will that my said wife Barbara shall have full power and authority to have all my personal property and possessions under her direction, as well as my plantation where we reside containing two hundred acres with all things thereto belonging, to have and administer under her hand and direction until my youngest son George Huber shall have attained the age of 21 years. And during such period she is to do and direct for the welfare of my family in the best possible manner.

And further, it is my will that the quantity of approximately forty acres of this piece of 150 acres shall be cut off from the north-western corner, south-eastward to the lane, thence south-westward so as to make up this quantity of land. My family shall endeavor during said time to erect a house and barn on said tract. In addition, another tract of fifty-nine acres adjoining my other woodland is to be regarded as attached to

said forty acres in order that it may constitute a separate messuage and plantation, which said two tracts together are to be valued at three pounds per acre. My first mentioned plantation will contain 160 acres, which with the buildings and other improvements I value at 800 pounds lawful Pennsylvania money.

I hereby give, devise, and bequeath my first mentioned plantation, with approximately 160 acres of land with all things belonging thereto, to my second son Jacob Huber and his heirs and assigns, to have the same to himself, his heirs, and assigns and for his and their proper use, behoof, and benefit forever. But subject, nevertheless, to the payment of said principal, as also to the deduction of 100 pounds for his own benefit, and to the payment of fifty pounds per installment, and to the deduction of his share of my estate from the remaining installments, as also with this condition: that from the time when my said son Jacob takes possession of the said plantation he is to give and permit to my wife her full annual reservation during her lifetime in such manner as they may enter into agreement. Yet nevertheless with this condition: that the said annual reservation shall amount to not less than eight pounds Pennsylvania money. And I hereby give my said wife Barbara full power and authority to continue to reside on the place where we now reside and to enjoy the income and benefit of said reservation during her lifetime as fully as if described herewith in detail.

And I hereby further give, devise, and bequeath to my youngest son George Huber and to his heirs and assigns the above mentioned two tracts of land containing approximately 100 acres with all appurtenances, to hold the same to his heirs and assigns and to his and their proper benefit and use forever. Yet nevertheless subject to the payment of the principal of 300 pounds lawful money as aforesaid. Nevertheless to deduct 100 pounds as part of his inheritance, and thereafter to pay each year an installment of twenty-five pounds, and to deduct balance of his inheritance from my estate for his last installments in like manner as specified above in the case of my other two sons.

And I further give and devise to all my children as to my aforetomentioned three sons, Michael, Jacob, and George Huber and to my three daughters, named Susanna, now the wife of Heinrich Pannebacker, and to Maria, and to my youngest daughter Christina, to each one the equal sixth part of all my remaining estate to hold the same to each his equal share thereof and to his heirs and assigns to the proper use, advantage, and benefit forever.

And I hereby name, designate, and appoint my beloved wife Barbara and my oldest son Michael Huber sole executors of this my last will and testament. And I desire that everything may be done, observed, and carried out according to the true sense, content, and interest of this, my last will and testament.

And I hereby declare, ratify, and confirm this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In testimony and confirmation thereof, I, the said Michael Huber, have set my hand and seal on the day and year aforementioned.

And it is also my will that my two youngest daughters shall receive the same, or as nearly as possible the same, dowry and marriage gift as my oldest daughter has already received from my executors out of bequeathed estate.

Signed, sealed, published,
and declared by the said
Michael Huber, Senior, as
his last will and testament
in the presence of us as
witnesses:—

Martin Lantes
Abraham Gerhard
David Schultze

Michael Huber SEAL

BOND OF THE CHILDREN OF JOHN MICHAEL HUBER, SENIOR, TO THEIR MOTHER, BARBARA HUBER.

Know all men by these presents that we, Michael Huber, and Jacob Huber, and George Huber are the three sons of Michael Huber, Senior, late of Douglass township, in the county of Montgomery, in the state of Pennsylvania, yoeman deceased, being all yet inhabitants of the township and county aforesaid, and Henry Pennabaker, of Upper Hanover township, and Susanna, his wife; and Henry Paltzgraf, of New Hanover township ,and Mary, his wife; and John Fisher, of Upper Hanover township aforesaid, and Christina, his wife. They, the said Susanna, Christina, and Mary, are the three daughters of the said Michael Huber, deceased. They are held and firmly bound unto their mother Barbara Huber as relict widow of the said deceased Michael Huber in the sum of 400 pounds of lawful money, gold and silver, of Pennsylvania. To be paid to the said Barbara Huber or to her certain attorney, executors, administrators, or assigns, to which payment well and truly to be made and done. We, the said parties, bind ourselves as each of us for the equal sixth part of the said consideration respectively, and our heirs, executors, and administrators, and every one of them firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, dated on this sixteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight.

The consideration of this obligation is such, that if the above bounden, Michael Huber; Jacob Huber; and George Huber; and Henry Pannebaker and Susanna, his wife; and Henry Paltzgraf and Mary, his wife; and John Fisher and Christina, his wife; being all yet inhabitants of the county of Montgomery, in the state of Pennsylvania aforesaid, or their

heirs, executors, or administrators, or any of them shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto their above named mother Barbara Huber or to her certain attorney, executors, administrators, or assigns the just and full sum of twelve pounds in lawful hard money as aforesaid, which being the lawful interest of the consideration and sum of 200 pounds yearly which was given and bequeathed to her by her said deceased husband in and by his last will and testament, dated on the 28th day of February Anno 1777, as by the same relation being thereunto had—more fully will appear—that is to say, that the said sum be paid to her on the twenty-seventh day of November now next ensueing after the date hereof, and then on every twenty-seventh day of November in every year then following successively, the sum of twelve pounds of hard lawful money as aforesaid during all her lifetime.

But upon and with condition that each and every one of the above named six heirs and children shall yearly pay his equal sixth part and share thereof. That is to say, the sum of two pounds of lawful hard money as aforesaid during all the time of her temporal life. But after her death the same is to cease and be at an end according to the true intent, tenor, and meaning hereof, but until then the same is to be held, done, and performed without any fraud or further delay.

Then the above obligation is to be void and of none effect, or else to stand and remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed and delivered	Michael Huber	(SEAL)
in the presence of us	Jacob Huber	(SEAL)
	Georg Huber	(SEAL)
Peter Richards	Henry Pannebaker	(SEAL)
	Susana Pannebaker	(SEAL)
	Heinrich Paltzgraf	(SEAL)
	Anna Maria Paltzgrafin	(SEAL)
	John Fisher	(SEAL)
	Christina Fisher	(SEAL)

AN OLD PAPER

The following is the context of an old paper now in the possession of F. F. Huber. It has been handed down with the family papers, but its relation to our history is not known.

TO HIS MAJESTY THE BURGESS AND PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF WORMS, IN THE DISTRICT OF HEIDELBERG.

Be it known that the said STEPHEN PETRY, citizen and merchant, thus petitions and prays; that his intention is to go to Holland and from there back again, and desires that he may pass unmolested. We herewith provide him with this pass or letter of credit and introduction, "pettimorean liboeris" and it

is our wish that the said may pass. It also certifies that he is an honest and worthy citizen from his neighborhood.

We also pray that all high and low, gentlemen, justices, and also military and civil employes and male citizens may know that the said STEPHEN PETRY is good for all business transactions here and everywhere; also that the country from which he comes is not subject to any contagious disease, but has a good and healthy atmosphere; also that he may come back on his way free and unmolested.

We have hereunto set our hand and seal, sealed with the seal of the High Council.

Given at Neckargemund, capital city of Churpfalz, May 28, 1764.

Jacob Henry -------
Magistrate.

THE FIRST GENERATION IN AMERICA

JOHN MICHAEL HUBER, JUNIOR

(1755—1836)

John Michael Huber, Junior, was born November 14, 1755. He died October 8, 1836.

His wife was Elizabeth Hillegass, the daughter of John Adam Hillegass. Her father was a first cousin of Michael Hillegass, the first treasurer of the United States. She was born March 8, 1761 on the farm now owned by James L. Overly, near the Six-cornered church, at Red Hill. Her father was a slave owner and directed in his will that all his slaves should be sold to his children. That Elizabeth became the mistress of one of these negroes is attested by the following excerpt from an old release:

> "Know all men by these presents, that we, Catherine Hillegass, as relict widow of Adam Hillegass, late of Upper Hanover township in the county of Philadelphia, in the state of Pennsylvania, yoeman, deceased, and executrix of her said deceased husband's last will and testament; and Frederick Hillegass and George Harlacher, also executors of the said deceased's last will and testament, have sold to Elizabeth Hillegass, as fourth daughter of said Adam Hillegass deceased, a certain negro boy, named Parris, who on the twenty-seventh day of May next will be three years old, for the consideration of ninety-four pounds of current and lawful money of Pennsylvania, in hand paid to us by the said Elizabeth Hillegass. The receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the said Elizabeth Hillegass, her heirs, assigns, forever discharged. Which said negro boy being in this country born and bred on the premises in Upper Hanover township aforesaid, and one of the negro family that belonged to the said Adam Hillegass deceased, who by his last will directed the same to be sold to his children, etc."

John Michael, Junior, married Elizabeth in the same year (1780) and the little negro boy was received into the family. Thus Michael Huber became the only slave owner in Douglass township.* Parris did not respond to kind treatment. He ran away in 1820 and was never found. The following copy was made to reclaim him should he ever reappear, but occasion for its use never presented itself:

> "Frederick Hillegass, of Upper Hanover township, in the county of Philadelphia, miller, on behalf of Michael Huber, of Douglass township in the said county, yoeman, enters as the property of the said Huber a

* See "A Brief History of Montgomery County" by H. W. Kriebel, Norristown, 1923, page 130.

negro boy named Parris, aged three years, slave or servant for life and at present living with said Huber.
Entered 27 Oct. 1780. Sig. Frederick Hillegass.

Philadelphia county s. s. I, William Runkel, Jr., Clerk of the court of Quarter Sessions of the county aforesaid, certify the above to be truly copied from the records. Witness my hand and seal of the said court this 27 Dec. A. D. 1820. Clk. Q. S.

Henry Shoemaker. "

John Michael and Elizabeth Huber lived and died on the farm now owned by Edwin Huber, near the village of Niantic. In name the title of this property has not changed since 1788 when it was deeded to Michael Huber by the heirs of Michael Huber, Senior, under the terms of the latter's will.

John Michael, Junior, and his wife, who died on January 19, 1839, are buried in the old graveyard at Christ church, Niantic. Their resting places are plainly marked and are the first graves from the south corner of the church.

CHRIST CHURCH, NIANTIC

It is interesting to note that Michael Huber donated one acre of ground to be used as a community burial plot and also as the site of a church. He died before the building was completed and while the church was under construction his grave was protected by a fence of extra-heavy rails. This is not traditional history, but was related by John G. Glaes, an eye witness.

This acre of ground was formally deeded to the Reformed and Lutheran congregations and also to the Schwenkfelders and Mennonites provided they assisted in supporting the church. The indenture is dated two months after Michael Huber's death. The donors were the widow and her son Jacob.

The movement for a church at Niantic had been begun in 1835 by those members of the Falckner Swamp and New Goshenhoppen churches who lived in that part of Douglass township. This desire for their own place of worship was occasioned by the long distance to each of the churches. It was decided to erect a union church for the Lutheran and Reformed congregations. The corner-stone was laid in the spring of 1836 and the completed edifice was dedicated in June of the following year. The church was a stone building, without a steeple, but with a gallery on three sides. It was erected at a cost of $1,578.16. *

An opportunity was afforded the members of the Schwenkfelder and Mennonite faiths to help support the church, but

* See the Jubilee Volume compiled by Dr. J. J. Kline, 1917.

apparently they never took advantage of this offer of the use of a place of worship.

Christ church is still known as Huber's church, especially in the Pennsylvania German dialect. In this way tribute is paid the man who was really instrumental in establishing these congregations.

AN OLD ACCOUNT BOOK

John Michael was very accurate in his accounts. There is in existence a well-preserved book, written in his own hand, containing records of transactions with his neighbors and friends. The first entry was made in 1789 and the last in 1829. In one prosaic footnote we find recorded an event which must have been of more than usual import:

> "1821, den 28 November ist mein Bruder Jacob Huber gestorben."

It is interesting to speculate about the private life of our ancestors and about the motives that governed many of their acts. We have most of their legal papers, but how much more interesting it would be had they left us a record of the more personal and intimate events of their lives. For instance, why did the eldest son Michael Huber not inherit his father's farm, which was more valuable than the one he actually received? Why did the mother choose to live with Jacob rather than with one of her other children? We may assume that the second question answers the first and say that Jacob was selected to remain on the old homestead with his mother because he was her favorite, but we have nothing to prove this belief. Doubtless they thought, as we do, that their descendants would care little about the personal details of their lives. In this they exhibited the typically Pennsylvania German trait of self-effacement and we cannot help but wish that they had lent their deeds more of a Yankee lustre.

Michael Huber was not only a leader in the religious life of the community. He also espoused and advanced the cause of education. A public schoolhouse was erected about the year 1798 along the road to Stettler's, which is now Congo. It stood at the junction of this road with that leading to William Geissinger's farm, which is now owned by Henry Y. Christman.

The money for the building was raised on a stock subscription plan. Any farmer or other civilian paying the amount of one-fortieth of the entire cost was a privileged stockholder. He was free to send his children there and could sell or will his right to the person or persons occupying the premises after he had released his claim. In the event of the sale of the building, each stockholder was entitled to his pro rata share of the sale price. A person subscribing and paying one-tenth of the cost enjoyed the rights of a preferred stockholder.

A GERMAN SCHOOLMASTER

The first teacher in this school was Nicolaus Korndoerffer. He was typical of the country schoolmaster. In winter he instructed the children of the community and in summer he worked as a farmhand.

Korndoerffer came to this country from Germany in the ship *Paliena and Margaret* and landed on October 25, 1748. He wandered for a time and finally settled in Douglass township where he died in the fall of 1800. Michael Huber, Junior, was his executor and obtained possession of his record book which has remained in the family's hands since then. Jacob Huber, the son of Michael, was one of Korndoerffer's pupils.

John Michael Huber, Junior, and his wife Elizabeth were the parents of three children. Jacob was the only son. Elizabeth was married to Jonas Knetz and Catherine became the wife of John Mack.

DEED FOR ONE ACRE OF GROUND AS A SITE FOR CHRIST CHURCH, NIANTIC

The original document is the property of F. F. Huber and is now in the archives of the Schwenkfelder Historical Library.

THIS INDENTURE made the twenty-fourth day of December in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six BETWEEN Elizabeth Huber, widow and relict of Michael Huber late of Douglass Township in the County of Montgomery and State of Pennsylvania yoeman deceased, and Jacob H. Huber, of the same place, only son of the said deceased and Elizabeth, his wife, of the One part. And Henry Renninger, Michael Huber, Isaac Bartow, John Erb, George Renninger, Jacob Riegner, Charles Erb, and James Fuchs, Trustees and Church Wardens of the Church or House of Worship, lately erected in Douglass Township in the County of Montgomery aforesaid, elected by the Members of the Calvinist and Lutheran Congregations, lately formed in the neighborhood of the said Church or place of Worship, and the Swingfelders and the Menonists who assisted in Erecting the church called CHRIST CHURCH of the other part. -----

WITNESSETH that the said Elizabeth Huber (the widow) and Jacob Huber and Elizabeth, his wife, for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which they have and bear to the Christian Religion and for the purpose of promoting the same in the neighbourhood by getting a House of public Worship erected, and to have a common Burying place at the said Christ Church ----- also for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar to them in hand paid by the said Henry Renninger, Michael Huber, Isaac Bartow, John Erb, George Renninger, Jacob Riegner, Charles Erb, and James Fuchs, Trustees and Church Wardens as aforesaid, at and before the en-

sealing and Delivering hereof, the receipt whereof they do hereby Acknowledge HAVE given, granted, aliened, enfeoffed, and Confirmed, and by these Presents DO give, grant, alien, enfeoff, and Confirm unto the said Henry Renninger, Michael Huber, Isaac Bartow, John Erb, George Renninger, Jacob Riegner, Charles Erb, and James Fuchs, Trustees and Church Wardens aforesaid, and their Successors, who may be elected from time to time in their place by the members of the Societies of Christians called Calvinists and Lutherans and others belonging to the aforesaid Meeting or place of Worship called Christ Church.

A certain tract or piece of Land situate in Douglass Township aforesaid at the crossing of a public road leading from Mount Pleasant Iron Works to Sumneytown and the public road leading from Geisinger's Mill to Stetler's, bounded and limited as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a stone, etc. *(The description of this one acre of ground is not essential here and has been omitted. It constitutes the site of the present Christ church together with the old graveyard.)*

TOGETHER with all and singular the Improvements, Ways, Woods, Waters, Watercourses, Rights, Liberties, Privileges, Hereditaments, and Appertances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining. Reserving nevertheless for them, the said Elizabeth Huber and Jacob H. Huber and Elizabeth, his wife, their Heirs and Assigns the same right to the church and Land hereby granted as any other person can or may claim by virtue of these presents. And the Reversions and Remainders, Rents, Issues, and Profits thereof, and also all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Possession, Claim, and Demand whatsoever of them, the said Elizabeth Huber (the widow) and Jacob H. Huber and Elizabeth, his wife, in Law or Equity or otherwise howsoever, of, in, to or out of the same.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said piece of One Acre of Land, Hereditaments and Remises hereby granted, or mentioned, or intended, so to be, with the Appertenances (except before excepted) unto the said Henry Renninger, Michael Huber, Isaac Bartow, John Erb, George Renninger, Jacob Riegner, Charles Erb, and James Fuchs, Trustees and Church Wardens as aforesaid.

UPON THE SPECIAL TRUST AND CONFIDENCE, nevertheless, that the said Henry Renninger, Michael Huber, Isaac Bartow, John Erb, George Renninger, Jacob Riegner, Charles Erb, and James Fuchs, Trustees and Church Wardens as aforesaid, and their Successors in Office who shall or may be elected by the members of the said Societies of Christians, SHALL stand seized thereof for the SOLE and only Use, Benefit, and Behoof of the religious Societies of People called CALVINISTS and LUTHERANS, also Swingfelders and Menonists who assisted in upholding the same, residing and to reside in or near

the said township of Douglass for the time being, to and for such Uses, Intents, and Purposes as the Members of the said Religious Societies belonging to that particular Meeting or place of Worship shall from time to time order, limit, direct, and Appoint. Agreeable to an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Intitled an Act for the enabling Religious Societies within this Province to purchase Lands for Burying grounds, Churches, Houses for Worship, Schools, etc. And for no other use, Intent, or Purpose, whatsoever.

IN WITNESS whereof the said parties to these Presents have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

SEALED AND DELIVERED
in the presence of us

Samuel Geissinger
John Stauffer

Received on the day of the date of the above-written Indenture of and from the above named Henry Renninger, Michael Huber, Isaac Bartow, John Erb, George Renninger, Jacob Riegner, Charles Erb, and James Fuchs, Trustees and Church Wardens as above said, the sum of One Dollar lawful money. It being the consideration money above mentioned in full.

her
Elizabeth X Huber (SEAL)
mark

Jacob H. Huber

her
Elizabeth X Huber
mark

Witness present at signing

Samuel Geissinger
John Stauffer

her
Elizabeth X Huber
mark

Jacob H. Huber

JACOB HUBER, SENIOR

(1761—1821)

To avoid confusion it will be well to keep in mind that Jacob Huber, Senior, and Jacob, Junior, belong to the Jacob branch of the family, while Jacob H. Huber was the son of Michael, Junior.

The second son of Michael Huber, Senior, was born on August 30, 1761 and died November 28, 1821. He is buried in the old graveyard opposite the New Goshenhoppen church. His grave is marked by a beautiful stone which bears no evidence of over a century of exposure to the elements.

In 1782 he married Christina Fischer and became the father of six children. The sons were Jacob and Michael, the daughters, Elizabeth, wife of John Fegley; Catherine, wife of Jacob Fox; Nancy, married to Christian Fegley; and Sarah, the wife of Abraham Mumbauer.

After his father's death Jacob fell heir to the old homestead which to this day has remained in the hands of his descendants. At present it is occupied by Jacob Y. Huber, his great grandson. The original house is still standing and was added to by Jacob in 1815. The barn he built in 1811. There is on the premises an old willow which must have been standing in the days of Michael, Senior, for tradition has it that in 1815 it was already an old tree.

We are led to believe that Jacob was his mother's favorite son, for it was with him that she chose to spend her remaining days after her husband's death . In his will Michael Huber had also directed that his wife should have full authority to remain on their plantation and to receive all the articles of yearly subsistence for which she and her son should agree. This agreement is extremely interesting for its multiplicity and quaintness of detail. Nothing has been forgotten which might be essential or even desirable for the mother's welfare.

Jacob Huber died intestate. The old farm subsequently became the property of his son Jacob.

AGREEMENT OF YEARLY SUBSISTENCE.

Articles of agreement made and concluded on this second day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three between Jacob Huber, of Douglass township, in the county of Philadelphia, in the state of Pennsylvania, yoeman and second son of Michael Huber, late of the township and county aforesaid, yoeman deceased, and Christina, his wife, of the one part; and his mother Barbara Huber as relict widow of the said deceased Michael Huber on the other part. Witnesseth — Whereas he, the said Michael Huber, by his last will and testament, dated on the twenty-eighth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, amongst others ordained that his said wife Barbara should have a full right and authority to re-

main, to live in the dwelling house on their plantation and land, which thereby he gave and devised to his second son, Jacob Huber, and to receive and enjoy all the articles of her yearly subsistence for which they should agree afterward between themselves during all her lifetime in the same manner as if the same was herein fully described.

Now this agreement witnesseth that she, the said Barbara Huber, the mother, shall have a full right, privilege, and liberty to live in the said dwelling house, and to have her right in the kitchen cellar and otherwise on the premises by all means as may be necessary for her during all her lifetime. And that he, the said Jacob Huber, her son, or his heirs, executors, or administrators, or any of them shall yearly do, give, and deliver to his said mother six bushels of wheat, and six bushels of rye, and five bushels of buckwheat, and one bushel of Indian corn; who shall also bring her said grain to mill and meal home again. He shall also keep for her one cow in his fodder and pasture in summer time and winter time full as good and with his own cows. The calves of the said cow are to be for the mother. He shall also give to her yearly one fat hog which is to weigh one hundred pounds weight besides the head and grease. And also shall have liberty to keep one hog for herself on the premises at her own cost to which, however, she shall have a right to do. He shall also give yearly to his said mother forty pounds weight of good beef, and eight pounds of good hatchled flax, and eight pounds of fine tow, and three pounds of wool, and yearly six dozen of eggs, and one barrel of good cider of the last make, and five gallons of brandy, and one barrel of good water cider. She shall also further have for her use all the apples of one row of apple trees of the orchard whereof she shall yearly have the choice in the foresummer to take which row she will to make use thereof as it will suit her best.

She shall also have liberty to take for her use of the cherries, peaches, and other fruits on the premises when any grow. She is also to have for her use a certain part of the kitchen or plant garden of near the third part thereof, as also a particular piece of land near opposite to the barn for her to plant Indian corn, potatoes, cabbage, or any other vegetables therein at her own choice. But the same shall be dunged, ploughed, and ordered by her said son always as usual and necessary in due time. And her said son Jacob Huber shall also provide his said mother with sufficient firewood and haul the same to her dwelling and cut it small so as to be fit for her immediate use as much as may be necessary for her during all her life time. And further, her said son shall at any time, when she shall demand it or be necessary for her, allow and give her one of his horses for her to travel to any of her children, or friends, or otherwise when it shall suit her without any refusal or neglect, except he should have some particular reason for it.

All which said articles he, the said Jacob Huber, and Chris-

tina, his wife, or their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns shall faithfully do, keep, and perform without any denial, objection, refusal, or neglect on their part in any wise, according to the true intent, tenor, and meaning thereof.

And further, it is hereby agreed that the time for and of the said yearly subsistence for the said widow Barbara Huber on and from the day of the date hereof and continue during her lifetime. But in case the said mother should at any time hereafter rather choose to go live with any other of her children, then it is hereby agreed that her said son shall yearly pay to her in cash so much as the said articles may amount to or as they shall agree during her lifetime. But upon condition that then at any time she shall have a full right and privilege to return again to live on the said premises and enjoy her said subsistence as before.

For the performance of all and ever the abovesaid covenants and agreements they, the said Jacob Huber and Christina, his wife, for themselves, their executors, administrators, and assigns do hereby bind themselves firmly unto the said widow Barbara Huber in the penal sum of two hundred pounds in gold or silver money of Pennsylvania by these presents. In witness and confirmation whereof they, the said Jacob Huber and his wife Christina, have hereunto set their hands and seals on the day and year as first above written.

Sealed and delivered
in the presence of us.

George Huber
Anna Maria her X mark

Jacob Huber
Christina Huber

GEORGE HUBER, SENIOR

(1766—1847)

George Huber, Senior, was the youngest son of John Michael Huber, Senior. He was born in Upper Hanover township, Montgomery county, on August 30, 1766 and in 1784 was baptized Johann Georg by the Rev. Van Der Sloot, of the New Goshenhoppen church. He died on December 9, 1847. Where he is buried, we do not know.

Under the terms of his father's will Johann Georg received two tracts of land containing approximately 100 acres on which the heirs were directed to erect a house and barn. This property is now known as the old Schneider farm and lies south-west of the village of Congo. Forty acres of this land were cut from the original plantation, the remainder of which was willed to Jacob Huber, the second son, and which is now occupied by Jacob Y. Huber. The other tract, containing 59 acres and 12 perches, had been purchased by Michael Huber on May 9, 1774 from Martin Sensenderfer.

On April 4, 1817, George Huber and Jacob Renninger purchased two tracts of land, together containing over 119 acres, from John Fox. Both tracts became the property of Johann Georg on March 30, 1829.

This farm, which is now owned by Peter Xander, he bequeathed to his son George, Junior, on December 26, 1846.

The children of George Huber and his wife Elisabeth numbered four, two sons and two daughters. They were: George; Jonas; Susanna, the wife of Benjamin Markley; and Fronica, married to Jacob Renninger.

THE BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE OF GEORGE HUBER

Below is a copy of the baptismal certificate of George Huber. The discovery of this document in the fall of 1930 brought to light the maiden name of the wife of John Michael Huber, Senior. The original is the property of Edwin Schlicher, of Pennsburg R. F. D.

GEBURTS UND TAUFSCHEIN

Den beiden Ehegatten, als *Michael*
Huber und seiner ehelichen Hausfrau
Barbara eine geborne *Lahr*
ist ein *Sohn* zur Welt geboren, den *30 August*
1766 im Jahre unsers Herrn *1766* Dieser *Sohn*
wurde geboren in *Ober Hanover Towns*
Mo County, im Staate *Pennsylvani* in Nordamerika,
und wurde getauft und erhielt den Namen *Johann*
Georg am -------- im Jahre unsers
Herrn *1780* vom Herrn *Van de Schlott.*

Die Taufzeugen waren:
Johannes Fischer.
er starb den 9 december
1847

This is copied from a lithographed certificate published in blank form by N. Currier, 33 Spruce Street, New York City. No. 432.

The words and figures italicized were printed in by hand.

The words "er starb ---------- 1847" were added in a cursive hand and with other ink, probably at a much later date.

My belief is that this certificate was drawn up sometime after 1800, for in the case of each of the three eighteenth century dates there is unmistakable evidence that the "7" was superimposed on a corresponding figure which had been erased.

*Faint traces indicate that this erased figure was an "8". This assumption is supported indirectly by two other facts. First, the records of the New Goshenhoppen church inform us * that the Rev. Friedrich Wilhelm Von der Sloot baptized Johann Georg in 1784. Again, only the year of baptism is given in the certificate, not the month and day. Probably someone, perhaps Johann George himself, supplied the required date from memory years after the event and made a mistake.*

* See "A History of the Goshenhoppen Reformed Charge", by Rev. William John Hinke, Lancaster, 1920, page 374.

THE WILL OF GEORGE HUBER, SENIOR

The copy was made from the original which is on file in the office of the Register of Wills, at Norristown.

In the name of God, Amen. I, George Huber, of Douglass township, Montgomery County, and State of Pennsylvania, Yoeman, being in perfect health of body and of sound mind, memory, and understanding, but considering the uncertainty of this transitory life, Do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, to wit:

First — It is my Will and I do order that all my just debts and funeral expenses be duly paid and satisfied as soon as conveniently can be after my decease.

Second — I Give and bequeath unto my son George Huber, his Heirs and Assigns forever, all that messuage and Plantation, situate in Douglass township aforesaid, adjoining lands of the estate of Peter Fegely, Jonas Fox, William Mock, and others, containing one hundred nineteen acres of Land, be the same more or less, at the rate of Twenty-six dollars per acre, payable as follows: the one half thereof to be paid one year after my decease, the remaining part thereof into two yearly and equal payments thereafter without interest.

Third — I give and bequeath unto my son Jonas Huber, his heirs and assigns forever, all that certain messuage and Plantation whereon I now reside, situate in Douglass township aforesaid, adjoining lands of Joseph Young, the estate of John Bechtel, George Long, Henry Bowman, and others, Containing One hundred sixty-eight acres of land, be the same more or less, at the rate of thirty dollars per acre, payable as follows: the one half thereof to be paid one year after my decease, the remaining part thereof into two yearly equal payments thereafter without interest.

Fourth — I Give and bequeath unto my said son Jonas Huber, One hundred and fifty Dollars in advance out of my estate, in lieu of the Woodland I have paid for my son George Huber.

Fifth — It is my will that, if either or both my two sons, George Huber or Jonas Huber, should refuse to accept or take the lands bequeathed to them at the rates or prices specified, then and in that case my hereinafter named Executors shall sell and dispose of such lands not excepted of, to such person or persons and for such price or prices as may be reasonably gotten for the same. And for that purpose I do hereby authorize and empower my said executors or the survivors of them to sign, seal, execute, and acknowledge such Deed or Deeds of conveyance as may be requisite and necessary for the granting and assuring the same to the purchaser or purchasers thereof in fee simple.

And as touching all the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, real and personal of what kind or nature so ever the some may be in the County of Montgomery or elsewhere, Together with the monies arising from my said two plantations, whether accepted of or sold at public sale, after the advances aforesaid shall have been first satisfied, I Give and devise of the same unto my four Children or their Legal Representatives, to wit: unto the Children of my deceased Daughter Fronica, who being intermarried with Jacob Renninger dec'd who shall receive their Mother's share, unto George Huber & Jonas Huber, my two sons, and unto my Daughter Susanna, intermarried with Benjamin Markley. To their Heirs and assigns forever To be Equally devided among them into four equal parts.

And Lastly — I Nominate, Constitute, and appoint my said two sons George Huber & Jonas Huber to be the Executors of this, my Last Will, hereby revoking all other Wills, Legacies, and bequests by me heretofore made and declaring this and no other to be my Last will and testament.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-sixth day of December A. D. one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

Signed, sealed, and declared by the said testator as his last will and testament in the presents of us — George Huber (SEAL)

Alfred Schneider
Henry Schneider
Wm. H. Schneider

THE SECOND GENERATION IN AMERICA

JACOB H. HUBER

(1789—1859)

Jacob Huber, the son of John Michael Huber, Junior, was born on June 18, 1789. He died February 12, 1859. His wife was Elizabeth Mumbauer, who was born October 16, 1789 and died April 24, 1843. Both are buried in the old graveyard at Christ church, Niantic. Their graves are next to those of Michael Huber and his wife.

He lived the peaceful life of a farmer on the old homestead and late in his life resided with his son Henry on the farm which lies south-west of the main road and north-west of the church.

There were five children in the family; two sons, Henry and Nathan; and three daughters, Belinda, married to Henry Schoenly, Elizabeth, married to George Krupp, and Catherine, the wife of Copeland Seasholtz.

The will of Jacob Huber is sufficiently brief and concise to be given without additional comment.

THE WILL OF JACOB HUBER

This is a copy of a copy made at the office of the Register of Wills in Norristown on March 16, 1859. This copy is now in the possession of F. F. Huber.

In the name of God, Amen: I, Jacob H. Huber, of Douglass Township, in the County of Montgomery and State of Pennsylvania, farmer, being weak in body, but of sound mind, memory, and understanding and considering the uncertainty of this transitory life, do make and publish this, my last will and testament, in the following manner, to wit:

First — It is my will and I do order that all my just debts and funeral expences shall be duly paid and satisfied as soon as conveniently can be after my Decease.

Second — I give and bequeath unto my daughter Belinda, the wife of Henry Schoenly, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

Third — I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth, the wife of George Grubb, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

Fourth — I give and bequeath unto my grand child Amelia Schoenly, deaf and dumb daughter of Henry Schoenly, the sum of fifty dollars to be paid to her when she arrives at Lawful age; and during her minority the same shall remain in the hands of my Executors herein after named, and the interest thereon at five per cent shall annually be paid by them for Clothing, maintenance, or education of said Amelia in such manner as my said Executors may deem proper.

Fifth — All the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate I give and bequeath in three equal shares unto my sons Nathan and Henry and my daughter Catherine, intermarried with Copeland Seasholtz, but before the said Catherine's share is paid to her my Estate shall be relieved from all liability as bail for the said Copeland Seasholtz in a bond for the payment of three hundred dollars; in default of this my Executors shall pay said bond and deduct the amount from the said Catherine's share.

And lastly — I Nominate, Constitute and appoint my sons Nathan Huber and Henry Huber to be the Executors of this my will and declare this and no other to be my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the twenty-second day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and fifty-eight.

Signed, sealed, and declared by the said Testator as his last will and Testament, in the presence of us
Abraham H. Bechtel
Samuel Christman

Jacob Huber (SEAL)

ENTRIES MADE IN AN OLD BIBLE BY JACOB HUBER

The following items are transcriptions of entries made by Jacob Huber on the fly leaves of an old Bible. These leaves became detached and have been damaged considerably in the course of time. There are on the same leaves earlier entries made by a certain Jacob Renninger. Since we know of no family connections between the men, we must assume that Jacob Huber simply succeeded Renninger as the owner of the Bible, possibly through purchase at a public sale.

Lacunae in the manuscript have been restored with certainty. Such restorations are enclosed in parentheses.

(1789) den 18 Junius bin ich Jacob Huber gebohren (mein) petter ist Jacob Huber und seine frau Christina

(17)89 den 16ten October ist meine frau Elisabeth gebohren ihr petter ist der Nicolaus Mumbauer und seine frau Magdalena

(1814) den 23ten Januarius sint wir getraut worden

(1815) den 2ten Januarius ist uns ein söhnlein (gebohr) en sein namen ist Nathan sein petter ist der (Micha)el Huber und seine frau Elisabeth

(18)16 den 22ten Junius ist uns ein söhnlein gebohren (sei)n namen ist Henrich sein petter ist der Henrich (M)umbauer und seine frau Catarina

1820 den 8ten October ist uns ein döchterlein gebohren sein namen ist Belinta sein petter ist sein Vatter Jacob Huber und seine frau Elisabeth

1826 den 31ten December ist uns ein döchterlein gebohren sein namen ist Elisabeth sein petter ist sein Vatter Jacob Huber und seine frau Elisabeth

1831 den 22ten May ist uns ein döchterlein gebohren sein namen ist Chatarina sein petter (i)st sein Vatter Jacob Huber und seine frau Elisabe(th)

1834 den 29ten Januarius ist mein schwieger Vatter gestorben Gott Verleihe ihm seine gnade und Tröste ihn in seinem Reich
sein leichen Tex Evangelium sangst Johannes das 1 Capitel der 24 Verst
Der leichengesang, Wo soll ich fliehen hinn, und Mein Gott ich Weis Wohl das ich sterbe
er brachte sein alter auf dieser Jammervollen Welt auf 75 Jahr und 17 Tag

1836 den 8ten October ist mein Vatter Michael Huber gestorben,
Gott Verleihe ihm seine gnade und Tröste ihn in seinem Reich
sein leichen Tex zweyter Thimotheum das fürte Capster der 7 Verst
der leichengesang, Alle Menschen müssen sterben und Freut dich sehr o mine seele
er brachte sein alter auf dieser Jammervollen Wolt auf 80 Jahr 11 Monath weniger 6 Tage

1839 den 20ten Januarius ist meine Mutter Elisabeth Hubern gestorben
gott verleihe ihr seine gnade und Tröste sie in seinem Reich
ihr leichen Tex Iesaias das triete Capitel der 10 Verst
der leichengesang, Mit dir Herr Jesu will ich scheiden, und Meine Lebens Zeit verstreicht stindlich eil ich zu dem grabe
sie brachte ihr alter auf dieser Jammervollen Welt auf 77 Jahr 10 Monath und 11 Thagen

(183)9 den 16ten februarius ist Meine schieger Mutter gestorben
gott verleihe ihr seine gnade und Tröste sie in seinem Reich
ihr leichen Tex Evangelium sangst Johannes der 11 Capitel der 25 und 26 Verst
der leichen gesang Komm sterblicher betrachte mich und Wenn einst in meinem grabe
sie brachte ihr alter auf dieser Jammervollen Welt auf 80 Jahr 5 Monath und 6 Tagen

1843 den 24ten Aprill ist meine ehefrau Elisabeth Hu(bern) gestorben, Gott Verleihe ihr seine gnade, und Tröste sie in s(einem) Reich Ihr leichten Tex die 2te Epistel st Pauli an die Corinther das fürte Capitel der 17 und 18 Verst
Ihr Leichengesang, Der Wahren Christenganses leben ist Nur ein korze Pilgerschaft, und Es ist noch eine ruh vorhanden für inden gott ergebnengeist
sie brachte ihr alter auf dieser Jamervollen Welt auf 53 Jahr 6 Monaht und 7 Tag früthe sey mit ihrer Asche

1849 den 19ten August bin ich getraut mit Hannah Eschbach

JACOB HUBER, JUNIOR

(1794—1853)

Jacob Huber, Junior, was born on July 27, 1794. He died on May 28, 1853 and lies buried in the old graveyard at Christ church, Niantic.

He married Margaret Christman, who was born on June 21, 1799 and died on September 10, 1888. She is buried by the side of her husband.

They had five children, two sons and three daughters: Noah and Isaac, and Harriet, wife of Henry Miller; Rachel, wife of Abraham Will; and Caroline, wife of Benjamin Herbst.

Jacob Huber, Senior, died intestate as has already been mentioned. In 1823 his heirs deeded the ancestral farm to Jacob, Junior, for the consideration of $6,070.31. At this time the property consisted of the original 163 acres and 90 perches in addition to another tract of 9 acres and 135 perches which Jacob, Senior, had himself purchased in 1809. At the time of conveyance there remained on the property a lien of $2,072.65 for the dower of Christina, the widow of Jacob, Senior. She was to receive the interest during her lifetime and after her death the amount was to be paid in full.

Like his father, Jacob, Junior, died intestate. In 1855 his heirs deeded the old farm with 112 acres of land to his son Noah, father of Jacob Y. Huber, the present owner. The widow, Margaret, was to receive the interest of a dowry of $800 and was permitted to spend the rest of her days on the old homestead. The agreement she made with her children is interesting and is brief enough to be given in full.

DEED: MICHAEL HUBER AND OTHERS TO JACOB HUBER

The parties mentioned in this document were the children of Jacob Huber, the son of Michael, Senior. The original is the property of Jacob Y. Huber, of Congo, and is now part of the collection of the Schwenkfelder Historical Library.

THIS INDENTURE made the Ninth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three Between Michael Huber, of Douglass township, in the County of Montgomery, State of Pennsylvania, yoeman, and Maria, his wife; John Fegley, of Greenwich township, County of Berks, State aforesaid, yoeman, and Elizabeth, his wife; Jacob Fox, of Upper Hanover township, County of Montgomery aforesaid, yoeman, and Catharine, his wife; Christian Fegley, of Douglass township, County of Berks aforesaid, yoeman, and Nancy, his wife; and Abraham Mumbauer, of Milford township, County of Bucks and State of Pennsylvania, yoeman, and Sarah, his wife, all of the one part and Jacob Huber, of the Township of Douglass in the County of Montgomery aforesaid, yoeman, of the other part.

WHEREAS Michael Huber; George Huber; Henry Pennebecker and Susanah, his wife; Henry Paltzgroff and Maria, his wife; and John Fisher and Christina, his wife, by their joint Indenture of release bearing date the twenty-fifth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty-eight for the Consideration therein mentioned did grant and confirm unto Jacob Huber and to his heirs and Assigns a Certain Messuage or tenement and Two tracts or Pieces of Land Situate in Douglass Township in the County of Montgomery aforesaid by marks and bounds in the same Indenture particularly described, the one containing one hundred and thirteen acres and ninety perches, the other fifty acres with their several and respective appurtenances, To hold the same to him, his Heirs and Assigns forever as in and by the said recited Indenture ralation being thereunto had more fully and at large appears,

AND WHEREAS Andrew Bankis and Margaret, his wife, by Indenture Bearing date the first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine for the Consideration therein mentioned did grant and Confirm unto the said Jacob Huber and to his heirs and Assigns a Certain Lot or parcel of Land Situate in the Township of Douglass, County of Montgomery aforesaid, by marks and Bounds in the same Indenture particularly described Containing nine acres and one hundred and thirty-five perches with the appurtenances to hold the same to him, his Heirs and Assigns forever as in and by the said recited Indenture ralation being thereunto had appears,

BY FORCE and virtue of which said recited Indenturs or of some other good Conveyances or assurances in the Law duly had and Executed the said Jacob Huber became in his lifetime lawfully seized in his demesne as of fee, of and in the abovesaid three Tracts of Land with their several and respective appurtenances and being so thereof seized, died intestate leaving a widow ,Christina, and issue, six children, to wit: the above named Michael, Elizabeth (the wife of John Fegley), Catherine (the wife of Jacob Fox), Nancy (the wife of Christian Fegley), Sarah (the wife of Abraham Mumbauer), and the above named Jacob. To whom the same by the Laws of Pennsylvania relating to intestates did descend and come.

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that the said Michel Huber and Maria, his wife; John Fegely and Elizabeth, his wife; Jacob Fox and Catherine, his wife; Christian Fegely and Nancy, his wife; and Abraham Mumbauer and Sarah, his wife, for and in Consideration of the sum of six thousand and seventy dollars and thirty-one cents Lawful Money of the united to them in hand paid by the said Jacob at and before the Ensealing and delivering hereof and receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge and thereof acquit and forever discharge the said Jacob Huber, Heirs, Executors, and Administrators by these presents HAVE granted, bargained, sold,

Aliened, Enfeoffed, released, and Confirmed and by these presents DO grant, bargain, Sell, Alien, Enfeoff, release, and Confirm unto the said Jacob Huber and to his Heirs and Assigns all that Certain Messuage or tenement and Three tracts or pieces of Land Situate in Douglass township in the County of Montgomery aforesaid Bounded and limited as follows to wit: the first of them,

BEGINNING at a Stone, etc. *(The description of these three tracts has been omitted. The first contained 113 acres and 95 perches; the second, 54 acres; and the third 9 acres and 135 perches.)*

TOGETHER with all and singular the Buildings, Improvements, ways, woods, waters, water courses, rights, liberties, Privileges, hereditaments, and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto respectively belonging or in any wise appertaining (Except of a Certain sum of two thousand and seventy-two dollars and sixty-five Cents, part of the above purchase money, being a lein on the Estate hereby conveyed for the Dower of the said Christina Huber, widow, that she shall yearly receive the Leagal Interest thereof during her natural Lifetime and the sum is to be paid at or immediately after the decease of the widow aforesaid), and the reversions and remainders, rents, Issues, and profits thereof. And also all the Estate, right, title, Interest, Property Claim, and demand whatsoever of them, the said Michael Huber and Maria (his wife); John Fegely and Elizabeth, his wife; Jacob Fox and Catherine, his wife; Christian Fegely and Nancy, his wife; and Abraham Mumbauer and Sarah, his wife, in Law or Equity or otherwise howsoever of, in, to, or out of the same or any part thereof.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Messuage or tenement and three tracts or pieces of Land Containing in the whole one hundred and seventy-three acres and seventy perches of Land, Hereditaments, and premises hereby mentioned or Intended so to be with the several and respective appurtenances (Except as before Excepted) unto the said Jacob Huber, his heirs and Assigns to the only proper use and behoof of the said Jacob Huber, his (heirs) and assigns forever.

AND the said Michael Huber, John Fegely, Jacob Fox, Christian Fegely, and Abraham Mumbauer for themselves respectively, their respective Heirs, Executors, and Administrators Doth Covenant, Promise, grant, and agree to and with the said Jacob Huber, his Heirs and Assigns by these presents that they, the said Michael Huber, John Fegely, Jacob Fox, Christian Fegely, and Abraham Mumbauer and their respective heirs, the said above mentioned and described Messuage or tenement and Three tracts or Pieces of Land, Hereditaments, and premises herby granted or mentioned or intended so to be with their several and respective appurtenances unto the said Jacob Huber, his Heirs and assigns Against them, the said Michael Huber, John Fegely, Jacob Fox, Christian Fegely, and Abraham Mumbauer and their respective heirs and Against all and Every other person and persons whomsoever Lawfully Claim-

ing or to Claim by, from, or under them or any of them shall and will Warrant and For Ever Defent by these presents.

IN WITNESS whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

Philip Reed
her
Margaret X Reed
mark

Michael Huber (SEAL)
her
Maria X Huber (SEAL)
mark
John Fögli (SEAL)
her
Elizabeth X Fegely (SEAL)
mark
Jacob Fuchs (SEAL)
her
Catharine X Fox (SEAL)
mark
Christian Fögle (SEAL)
Anna Fögle (SEAL)
Abraham Mumbauer (SEAL)
her
Sarah X Mumbauer (SEAL)
mark

DEED: WIDOW AND HEIRS OF JACOB HUBER, JUNIOR, TO NOAH HUBER

The original document is the property of Jacob Y. Huber and is in the collection of the Schwenkfelder Historical Library.

THIS INDENTURE made the twenty-third day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five (1855) Between Margaret Huber, widow and relict of Jacob Huber, late of Douglass township, Montgomery County, and State of Pennsylvania, farmer deceased; Isaac Huber and Susanna, his wife; Henry Miller and Harriet, his wife, late Harriet Bender, widow; Abraham Will and Rachel, his wife; and Benjamin Herbst and Caroline, his wife. The said Isaac Huber, Harriet Miller, Rachel Will, and Caroline Herbst, being children of the said Jacob Huber dec'd. of the one part. And Noah Huber, of Douglass township, aforesaid, eldest son of the said Jacob Huber deceased, of the other part.

WITNESSETH that the said Margaret Huber; Isaac Huber and Susanna, his wife; Henry Miller and Harriet, his wife, late Harriet Bender; Abraham Will and Rachel, his wife; and Benjamin Herbst and Caroline, his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of Five thousand eight hundred dollars Lawful money of the United States to them in hand paid by the said Noah Huber at and before the ensealing and delivering hereof the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge, and thereof acquit and forever discharge the said Noah Huber, his heirs, executors, and administrators by these presents, have grant-

ed, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, and confirmed and by these presents, do grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release, and confirm, unto the said Noah Huber and to his heirs and assigns, All that certain Messuage or tenement and two tracts of Land, Situate in Douglass township, Montgomery county, bounded and limited as follows to wit: The one whereon the buildings are erected,

BEGINNING at a corner, etc. *(The description of the two tracts, containing respectively 93 acres, 87 perches and 19 acres, 13 perches, has been omitted. The property is still the original Jacob Huber farm.)*

The above described tracts being parts of the same premises which Michael Huber and Mary, his wife; John Fegley and Elizabeth, his wife; James Fox and Caty, his wife; Christian Fegely and Nancy, his wife; Abraham Mumbauer and Sarah, his wife, Heirs of Jacob Huber the elder decd. by their Joint Indenture bearing date the ninth day of April A. D. 1823 for the Consideration therein mentioned did grant and confirm unto the said Jacob Huber the younger and by force and virtue of the said recited Indenture or of some other good conveyances or assurances in the Law duly had and executed the said Jacob Huber the younger became in his lifetime lawfully seized in his demesne as of fee, of and in the said tracts of Land with the appertenances and being so thereof seized died Intestate leaving a widow named Margaret and Issue five children to wit: Isaac Huber; Harriet Bender, widow; Rachel, wife of Abraham Will; Caroline, wife of Benjamin Herbst, the grantors above named, and Noah Huber, the grantee above named, to whom the same by the Laws of Pennsylvania relating to Intestate Estates did descend and come Together with all and singular the Houses, Out Houses, Buildings, Barns, Stables, Ways, Woods, Waters, Water Courses, Rights, Liberties, privileges, Hereditaments and appertenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining. And the Reversions and Remainders, Rents ,Issues, and profits thereof, and also all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Property Claims, and demand whatsoever of them, the said Margaret Huber; Isaac Huber and Susanna, his wife; Henry Miller and Harriet, his wife, late Harriet Bender; Abraham Will and Rachel, his wife; and Benjamin Herbst and Caroline, his wife, in Law or equity or otherwise howsoever, of, in, to, or out of the same.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Messuage or tenement and two tracts of Land containing together one hundred and twelve acres and one hundred perches, hereditaments, and premises, hereby granted or mentioned or intended so to be with the appertenances unto the said Noah Huber, his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and behoof of him, the said Noah Huber, his heirs and assigns forever. (Subject to the performance of the agreement between all the parties hereto in relation to said wiodw Huber right and privileges upon the hereby granted tract of ninety-three acres and eighty-seven perches of land during her lifetime. Said agreement is wrote on the back of this deed.)

Subject Nevertheless for the payment of eight hundred dollars, the interest thereof to be paid annually unto the said Margaret Huber, widow of Jacob Huber decd., during her natural lifetime and after her decease the principal to be paid to the said Noah Huber; Isaac Huber; Harriet Bender; Rachel Will, wife of Abraham Will; Caroline Herbst, wife of Benjamin Herbst, in equal shares or to their Respective heirs or assigns.

And the said Margaret Huber, the mother; Isaac Huber and Susanna, his wife; Henry Miller and Harriet, his wife, late Harriet Bender; Abraham Will (and Rachel, his wife), and Benjamin Herbst (and Caroline, his wife,) each for her and himself and her and his heirs, executors, and administrators severally and not jointly or one for another or for the heirs or assigns of another do hereby covenant, promise, grant, and agree to and with the said Noah Huber, his heirs and assigns by these presents That they, the said Margaret Huber; Isaac Huber and Susanna, his wife; Henry Miller and Harriet, his wife, late Harriet Bender; Abraham Will and Rachel, his wife; and Benjamin Herbst and Caroline, his wife, and their Heirs Respectively the said above Mentioned Messuage or tenement and two tracts of Land, containing together one hundred and twelve acres and 100 perches, Hereditaments and Premises thereby granted or mentioned or intended so to be with the appertenances unto the said Noah Huber, his heirs and assigns Against them, the said Margaret Huber; Isaac Huber and his wife, Susanna; Henry Miller and his wife, Harriet, late Harriet Bender; Abraham Will and Rachel, his wife; and Benjamin Herbst and Caroline, his wife, and their heirs and against all and every other person or persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim, by, from, or under them or either or any of them or by, from, or under the said Jacob Huber decd., father of the said Isaac Huber and Susanna, his wife; Henry Miller and Harriet, his wife, late Harriet Bender; Rachel Will (wife of Abraham Will); and Caroline Herbst (wife of Benjamin Herbst) (parties hereto) shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals dated the day and year first above written.

Sealed and delivered	Isaac Huber	(SEAL)
in the presence of us	Susanna Huber	(SEAL)
	Abraham Will	(SEAL)
Wm. K. Stauffer	Rael Will	(SEAL)
	Benjamin Herbst	(SEAL)
Daniel S. Shultz	Carolina Herbst	(SEAL)
	his	
	Henry X Miller	(SEAL)
	mark	
	her	
	Harriet X Miller	(SEAL)
	mark	
	Margreta Huber	(SEAL)

AGREEMENT: THE CHILDREN OF JACOB HUBER, JUNIOR, AND THEIR MOTHER, MARGARET HUBER

This agreement is written on the back of the Noah Huber deed.

The following is the agreement refered to in the within Deed:

Articles of agreement made the 3rd day of October A. D. 1853 Between Noah Huber; Isaac Huber; Harriet Miller, wife of Henry Miller; Rachel, wife of Abraham Will and Caroline, the wife of Benjamin Herbst, being all the children of Jacob Huber, late of Douglass township, Montgomery County, farmer deceased, of the one part. And Margaret Huber, widow of the said Jacob Huber decd. of the other part.

Witnesseth that the said Noah Huber; Isaac Huber, and Susanna, his wife; Henry Miller and Harriet, his wife, late Harriet Bender; Abraham Will and Rachel, his wife; and Benjamin Herbst and Caroline, his wife, Have agreed and hereby do Agree that their mother, Margaret Huber, shall have the Privilege to occupy the small house in the yard on the old place of said Huber's land; during her lifetime, Privilege at the Pump and in the cellar under the big house to put her milk and such things as are put in cellars, a Piece in the garden which she has now in use, and also so much of the fruit growing on the old place as she may want for her own use to take as she chooses, Room in the Barn or stable to put a cow and also Hay and pasture for the same and stable Room for the Horses of visiting friends and Hay for the same, that if she chooses to keep a cow said widow must pay a reasonable price for keeping the same, also Room to put her firewood, and also Room to put one hog, also the Privilege to pass and Repass over the hereby mentioned Premises wherever she thinks proper. The above Rights and Privileges shall all be null and void after the said Margaret Huber's decease. All said Privileges shall fall back to the owner of said Place. Witness our hands and seals the day and year aforesaid.

(The signatures are duplicates of those on the deed and have been omitted.)

GEORGE HUBER, JUNIOR

(1800—1871)

George Huber, Junior, was born in Douglass township on July 12, 1800 and died at Pottstown, Pennsylvania, on August 9, 1871.

His wife was Barbara Kehl, who also was born in Douglass township on January 15, 1806 and died on October 9, 1849. Both are buried in the Douglass Independent Cemetery at Sassamansville.

Their three sons were William, George, and Josiah.

In accordance with the provisions of his father's will, George, Junior, received what is now the Peter Xander farm, near Sassamansville, for the consideration of twenty-six dollars an acre. Later he purchased another adjoining tract on which was built the saw and grist mill which he operated for many years. This building, a reminder of the days when the Hubers owned all the land from Christ church, Niantic, to Schlegel run, below Sassamansville, is still standing. He also owned the farm opposite the Sassamansville store which is now the property of Melvin Schoenly. This place was rented out and operated as a hotel and farm.

DEED: THE HEIRS OF GEORGE HUBER, SENIOR, TO GEORGE HUBER, JUNIOR

The original document is the property of Jonathan D. Huber, of Sassamansville. The two tracts of land herein deeded to George Huber, Junior, now constitute the Peter Xander farm near the village of Sassamansville.

TO ALL PEOPLE. To whom these Presents shall come: Jonas Huber, of Douglass Township, and Mary, his wife; Benjamin Markley, of New Hanover Township, both in the county of Montgomery, and Susanna, his wife, late Susanna Huber; and Josiah Renninger, of Colebrookdale Township, Berks County, and Matilda, his wife; William Renninger, of Berria Township, Philadelphia County, and Anna, his wife; Dieter Smith, of New Hanover Township, and Sophia, his wife, late Sophia Renninger; Mary Ann Schneider, late Mary Ann Renninger, Widow; and Abraham Croll, of Upper Hanover Township, and Susanna, his wife, late Susanna Renninger, (the five last named persons) being the children of Fronica Renninger, late Fronica Huber, now deceased, All in the county of Montgomery and state of Pennsylvania, SEND GREETING:

WHEREAS, John Fuchs and Margareth, his wife, by Indenture bearing date the fourth day of April, A. D. 1817, for the consideration therein mentioned, did grant and confirm unto George Huber and Jacob Renninger, and to their heirs and assigns, A Certain Messuage and Two Tracts of Land, by marks

and bounds, in the same particularly described, situate in Douglass Township, county of Montgomery, and state aforesaid, to hold the same to them, their heirs, and assigns forever, as in and by the said recited Indenture at large appears. AND WHEREAS, the said Jacob Renninger, by Deed of Assignment, bearing date the 30th day of March, A. D. 1829, did assign, set over, and transfer ALL THAT, THE ONE MOIETY of the above-mentioned Messuage and Two Tracts of Land, containing together one hundred nineteen acres and sixty-five perches (119A., 65P.) Together with all and singular the rights, members, and appurtenances unto the said George Huber, his heirs and assigns forever, as in and by the said recited Indenture and Assignment appears.

BY FORCE and virtue of which said recited Indenture, or some other good conveyances or assurances in the law duly had and executed, the said George Huber became, in his lifetime, lawfully seized in his demesne, made his last will and testament in writing, bearing date the 26th day of December, A. D. 1846, wherein and whereby (amongst other things) he did give and devise the said Messuage and two tracts of land unto his son, George Huber, his heirs and assigns at the rate of twenty-six dollars per acre, as in and by the said recited Will, since his death duly proved, and remaining in the Register's Office at Norristown, recourse being thereunto had, appears.

NOW KNOW YE, That the said Jonas Huber and Mary, his wife; Benjamin Markley and Susanna, his wife; Josiah Renninger and Matilda, his wife; William Renninger and Anna, his wife; Dieter Smith and Sophia, his wife; Mary Ann Schneider; Abraham Croll and Susanna, his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars and Eighty-five Cents ($2,486.85) to them in hand paid, by the said George Huber, (and Jonas Huber, as executors of the last will and testament of the said George Huber, dec'd, including both real and personal of the deceased's estate, the children of the said Fronica Renninger, dec'd, having received their mother's share) at and before the ensealing and delivery hereof, the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge, and thereof acquit and forever discharge the said George Huber, his heirs, executors, and administrators, and by these presents, have, and each one of them hath remised, released and forever quitclaimed, and by these presents do, and each and every one of them doth remise, release, and forever quitclaim unto the said George Huber and to his heirs and assigns, ALL the estate, and the estates, shares, purparts, and dividends, rights, title, interest, property, claim, and demand, whatsoever of them, the said Jonas Huber, Benjamin Markley, Josiah Renninger, William Renninger, Dieter Smith, Mary Ann Schneider, and Abraham Croll, with their respective wives, in law or equity, or otherwise, howsoever, of, in, to, or out of all that Messuage or Tenement and Two Tracts of Land, situate in the township of Douglass, aforesaid, bounded and described as follows:

The one of them BEGINNING at a corner, etc. *(The description of these two tracts has been omitted. They contained respectively 93 acres, 120 perches and 25 acres, 105 perches.)*

TOGETHER with all and singular other the buildings, improvements, rights, members, and appertenances whatsoever, thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues, and profits thereof.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and singular the premises hereby released or mentioned and intended so to be, with the appurtenances unto the said George Huber, his heirs and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof of the said George Huber, his heirs and assigns forever.

SO that neither the said Jonas Huber and Mary, his wife; Benjamin Markley and Susanna, his wife; Josiah Renninger and Matilda, his wife; William Renninger and Anna, his wife; Dieter Smith and Sophia, his wife; Mary Ann Schneider; and Abraham Croll and Susanna, his wife, nor their heirs, nor any other person or persons whomsoever, lawfully claiming or to claim by, from, or under them or any of them, shall or may, at any time or times hereafter, have, claim, challenge, or demand any estate, right, title, or interest of, in, to, or out of the said Messuage and Two Tracts of Land, hereditaments and premises hereby remised and released, or mentioned and intended so to be, with the appurtenances, or any part or parcel thereof, but thereof and therefrom, shall, and will be utterly excluded and forever debarred, by these presents. In Witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and seals this ninth day of January, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one. 1851.

Sealed and Delivered in the Presents of:	Jonas Huber	(SEAL)
	Benjamin Markley	(SEAL)
	Susanna Markley	(SEAL)
Wm. H. Schneider.	Maria Huber	(SEAL)
Hry. Schneider.	Mary Ann Schneider	(SEAL)
	Josiah Renninger	(SEAL)
	Matilda Renninger	(SEAL)
	Wm. H. Renninger	(SEAL)
	Ann E. Renninger	(SEAL)
	Dieter Smith	(SEAL)
	Sophia Smith	(SEAL)
	Abraham Croll	(SEAL)
	Susanna Croll	(SEAL)

THE THIRD GENERATION IN AMERICA

HENRY HUBER

(1816—1900)

Henry Huber was born on what is now the Edwin Huber farm on June 22, 1816. He spent his boyhood here and after his marriage to Mary Bolton took up his residence on the farm long known as Huber's pottery. This pottery was established about 1842 and continued actively for many years. Agriculture was his chief occupation until March 19 and 20, 1872, when he sold his farm stock and retired. Several years later he built the brick house in Niantic which is now owned by William S. Mack. A lifetime of happy and contented existence was interrupted only by the death of his wife on December 20, 1895. She was born on August 20, 1820.

Their family was large, consisting of four sons and six daughters of whom all but one attained maturity. They were:

Jacob, married to Matilda Schoenly.
David, married to Mary Ann Fox.
John, married to Leanna Muthard.
Henry, married to Jennie Ward.
Elizabeth, married to Solomon Krauss.
Sarah, married to William Maurer.
Amanda, married to Abraham J. Sell.
Leanna, married to Mahlon Bauman.
Mary Ann, married to Edwin Fox.
Hetty, died in infancy.

Henry Huber was deeply interested in the life of his community. He was one of the founders of the first Union Sunday school at Niantic. Although a member of Christ church, he had been confirmed by Rev. Daniel Weiser of the New Goshenhoppen church.

Aside from his religious activities, he took a deep interest in public affairs and voted for every Democratic candidate for the Presidency from Van Buren to the time of his death.

He was endowed with a wonderful memory and could recite local history, family lineages, sermons, and the Constitution to the delight and astonishment of his listeners. It is to him that we owe the preservation of most of the documents relating to our family history.

He died on January 15, 1900, meeting his end with the philosophic calm that was ever characteristic of him. He is buried on the large Huber plot which he reserved when he sold one acre of ground to Christ church for burial purposes.

A SUBSCRIPTION LIST

The following is self-explanatory. The book is now owned by F. F. Huber.

Subscription book for a new church on the place of the old church (Huber's Church). Henry Huber, collector.

Huber's Church, August 14, A. D. 1871.

We the undersigned promise to pay such sums as are set opposite our respective names at any time when required by the collecting committee for the purpose of erecting in place of the old so called Huber's Church, situated in Douglass township, Montgomery county, Pa.

Subscribers. Sums may be increased at any time, but the time for reducing such sums will end at the time of the first contract made for the erection of the said church.

Henry Huber	$200.
Elias Koch	50.
William Christman	25.
Daniel Miller	10.
Henry Miller	20.
Jacob Snyder	15.
Chester Leidy	50.
Aaron Miller	15.
Jacob Renninger	25.
Sarah Renninger	5.
Widow Eschbach	5.
Isaac Krauss	10.
Levi Renninger	5.
John Lick	10.
D. B. Huber	20.
John B. Huber	5.
Jacob Hittel	50.
	$520.
Benjamin Bender	10.
Henry Jacob	30.
T. Trumbore	15.
Solomon Krauss	5.
	$575.

For the Bell.

Sarah Huber	$5.

WILLIAM K. HUBER

(1829—1913)

This son of George Huber, Junior, was born in Douglass township on October 26, 1829, where he died on April 14, 1913.

He married Lydia Drehs, who was born in New Hanover township and died in Douglass on January 3, 1906. Both are buried in Christ Union cemetery at Niantic.

They were the parents of two sons, Edwin and Jonathan.

It is interesting to note that Jonathan D. Huber is one of the few public school teachers in Montgomery county who can point to a half century of active service. He was born on the old mill property and has lived a long and fruitful life on the land enriched by the traditions of his fathers.

THE CHILDREN OF JACOB HUBER, JUNIOR

The children of Jacob Huber, Junior, and his wife Margaret were:

Noah.
Isaac.
Harriet, wife of Henry Miller.
Rachel, wife of Abraham Will.
Caroline, wife of Benjamin Herbst.

These constitute the third generation of the Jacob Huber branch of the family. By a freak of nature their children and grandchildren belong to the fourth and fifth generations while the living members of the other two branches, although of the same or corresponding age, belong to the fifth and sixth generations. This makes it manifestly unfair to pick one of the above named persons as the subject of a biography, as has been done in the other two branches, since this would mean thc exclusion of the other four, whose children in many cases are still living. This problem has given the author occasion for much thought and has finally driven him to the conclusion of leaving it for the children of these five persons to work out the biographies of their respective parents, since space prohibited a treatment of the lives of all and a sense of justice forbade him to choose one of the five.

APPENDIX

THREE OLD LETTERS

So far as is known, no one of the family served in the Revolution. The Civil War, however, drew a number into the service of the Union. There are in existence three letters which were written from the front to David Huber, the son of Henry, who was prevented from enlisting only by the fact that he was too young. Aside from their family significance, these letters are interesting for the local color which they afford.

Headquarters 1st. cavalry Division
at Culpepper Virginia.

Dear cussin David

I will spent a few moments this evening to answer your most wellcome letter which I Received a few days ago and I was very glat to here from you again but I was a grate deal glater to hear that you are well yet and I am also in the same prospect but futher I heard that William is sick but I hope he'li soon be well again but the rest I believe are all well at the present time and futher I let you know that we are still in our old camp yet but I dont think we will Stay here very long any more before We must go out of our camp to fight again and we dont know wether we will fall on the ground dead in the first fight (battle) or if we come through every battle safe but I hope God will keep us safe and take us home safe again and futher I seen in your letter that I shouldent reinlist anymore but indeed David I shall never reinlist anymore I am well satisfied if I am done once with them three years what I got now I no as much about war as I want to know but I hope I will have the luck to come home again and futher I let you know that we hat a heavy shower yesterday it hailt like everything I was on guard to

So I must come to a close by senting my best Respect to you and to all inquiring friends

From your truly cussin
Jacob H. Schaneley
Direct your letter as before
Co. L. 17 Rege Pa. Cav.
2nd. Brig. 1st. Division
cavalry corps
in care of Capt. T. W. Bean
good night my friend David.

Jacob Schanley was the son of Henry Schoenly and Belinda Huber. Hence he was a first cousin to David Huber.

Camp Near Brandy Station Dec. 5 | 63

Dear friend

Beings i have a few sparcing moments i thought i would occupy my time in Writeing you a few lines to inform you that i am Right Well and i also hope that thiese few lines may find you the same also i Will also inform you that we have Just Returned to our old Camp from our fall Campaign from the Rapidan and We have also had Very Severe Martches and hardships for the last 7 days specially on our Skedaddle from the Rapidan, We Martched 40ty miles in less than a full day so you may Know how quick We had to fall Back to our old Position, i Would give you full Particulars about the Campaign but i suppose you Know more from the News Papers Dear friend Beings the cold Weather is at hand now and have not got no Winter Quarters yet, and are almost frosen to death When We get up in the mornings, i thought i would Request you to do me a favor by sending me a Box Containing the following Articles for to Wormen us up again. 4 gallons of good Brandy or Whiskey and 2lb of Chewing tobacco 100 sigars, and pack the articles up in the same style as you did Henry Kolbs, inclosed you will find ten dollars Which i suppose Will Reach and if you have any thing more to spare than you may send me some Cheese or such articles as you have on hand that Will not Waste or spoil but send it as soon as Possible and let me Know When you send it. Please and give my best Respects to all my friends i must now Bring My letter to a Close by giveing you my Best Respect.

And Remain Your

truly friend

Direct your letter Edwin Huber

or Box

Edwin Huber Co. E.
98th. Reg. Pa. Vol.
3 Brig. 3 Div. 6 Corps.
Via Washington D. C.

Edwin Huber was a son of Nathan Huber and a cousin to David Huber. He never returned and no one ever learned what befell him. It is known that he was in Sherman's March to the Sea and it is believed that he died either in Libby or Andersonville prison.

Elyville April 6th. 1865

Dear Cousin.

I take the pleasure of writing you a few lines to let you know that I am well and I hope you are all well also. I tell you I like soldiers life right well and we have plenty of writing to do and Elyville is fool (full) of ladys that suits me you know we live in a block house on a hill about 200 feet from the railroad we can see a great way of and the country the war will soon be over anyhow Richmond is taken and that is the

main town and I expect the war will not last long no more cirtainly (certainly) it cannot last long no more well you must write soon and tell me how you are geting (getting) along all all the news you know and what you think of the great victory gained pleas (please) write soon and tell me how you are geting along no more.

From your dear cousin. Direct your letter in this way.

Wilson Huber
Detachment 213 regt. P. V.
Elyville Howard Co.
Maryland.

Wilson Huber was also a son of Nathan Huber and a brother of Edwin.

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